WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Erica Mani
Michael Kelemen
Lee Fisher
Kyle Schafer
Secretary Ferguson
Dr. Jan Fox (via phone)
Ken Arndt
Elaine Harris

Additional participants:

Andrea Rayl
Billy Jack Greg
Mark Polen
Paul Miller
Colonel Mike Todorovich
Mike Hohn
James Martin
Tony Siemental
James Patterson
Tom Susman
Mark Holmes
Jonathan Cauldwell (via phone)
Bradford Pelletier
Brain Williams
Jihad Dixon
Chelsey Cosby
Kirsten Hogan
Darius Booker
Greg Florence
Cathy Moore
Homer Sweeney

After a quorum was established, Vice-Chair Mani welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

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Business

Vice-Chair Mani asked for the approval of the minutes from the July meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

Other Business

Colonel Todorovich stated that the Council has spent $186,124.68. He also stated that the Council's contracts do not go through state purchasing, which gives the council more liberty to make changes to Kimball's contract.

Presentations

Reverend James Patterson and Paul Miller spoke on demand building. Reverend Patterson stated that they conducted a survey and the main two answers for non-internet usage were, they don't need it or the price is too high. Reverend Patterson asked that the Broadband Deployment Council consider the demand side when adopting the grant application and emergency rules.

Kyle Schafer stated that the State has attempted three times to take state-surplus refurbished machines and get these computers to low-income individuals; however the bill has not made it out of the Legislature. Elaine Harris made a motion to send letters to the Governor and the Legislature's Leadership to show the Council's support for allowing the State to give away surplus computers to low-income individuals; Lee Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

Bradford Pelletier presented on behalf of Telogical Systems which he stated was the leading provider of competitive pricing intelligence solutions to the US communications industry.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be noticed for October 31, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.